



CYNGOR CYMUNED CHWITFFORDD / WHITFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of The Meeting of Whitford Community Council

Held at The Carmel Village Hall,

On Thursday the 5th March, 2020, at 7.00pm

1(A). 47/20

PRESENT

Councillor William Glynn (Chairman)

Councillor Richard L. Dolphin (Vice Chair)

Councillor Richard Davies

Councillor Chris Dolphin (Community & County)

Councillor R. Gwyn Hughes

Councillor Robert J. Hughes

Councillor Caradoc Wyn Jones

Councillor Gareth W. Sharp

Councillor Miss. Emma Warbrick * (Attending a sub-committee meeting of Ysgol Bro Carmel)

Clerk & Financial Officer R. Phillip Parry

1(B). 48/20

APOLOGIES

Councillor Mrs. Sharon E. James

Councillor Dave Owen

Councillor Joseph W. Williams

2. 49/20

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following Declaration of Interest was declared: Councillor Chris Dolphin (Applications for financial assistance) **Minute number: 9. 59/20 on page 7 below**)

3. 50/20

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 6TH FEBRUARY, 2020

The Minutes were proposed as correct by Councillor Caradoc Jones and seconded by Councillor Robert Hughes and formally agreed by the Members present.

4. 51/20

MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk referred to the following matters from the previous Minutes:

Minute no: 4. 32.20 sub minute numbers: 4.10/20 & 4.186/19 (page 2) - in relation to quotations for footway pavements on Monastery Road, Pantasaph and Babell Road, Gorsedd. The Clerk advised, that following the decision by the Community Council to accept the offer from Flintshire County Council to oversee the project, the County Council had been in contact with the quotation providers, whereafter, the quotations had been accepted from a Company named J. R. Roberts – as follows: Phase 1 £15,661.14 plus VAT (not including street lighting works) and Phase 2 £15,830.57 plus VAT (not including street lighting works or removal of BT pole).

Members agreed the following: Confirmed that above.

Minute no: 4. 32.20 sub minute numbers: 4.10/19 & 9.199/19 (page 3) - in relation to speed signage and current speed limits on the A5026 road, in the area between Nerse Farm and Junction 31 of the A55 Road. The Clerk advised, that Flintshire County Council had provided the following information:

- Survey results of speed and volume of traffic in the above area – whereby the average speed of vehicles were 60.8mph.
- The speed data has been sent to GoSafe with a request for enforcement at this location.
- Flintshire County Council are proposing implementing ‘Slow / Araf’ marking on the carriageway, extending the double white lines, to include warning signs in Lloc on the approach to the cricket ground

Minute no: 8. 41/20 (page 7) - in relation grass cutting maps of the Community Council area. This matter was adjourned to the April Council meeting for further discussion.

Minute no: 9. 42/20 (page 7) - in relation to the installation of speed activated signage in Carmel and Gorsedd Villages. The Clerk advised in relation to the following costings received from Flintshire County Council:

- ❖ 30 MPH flashing sign - £2,150
- ❖ 30 MPH flashing sign with flasher - £2,320
- ❖ 30 MPH flashing sign with Slow Down / Araf - £2,825
- ❖ Solar Option add on - £795 (Post and location dependant)
- ❖ Installation - £795 (TM dependant)

The Clerk further advised, that a Highways Officer had stated; ‘whilst the proposed areas of installation were ideal, the electricity supply would have to be brought across the carriageway, whereby the cost would be prohibitive’. The Officer was seeking a site meeting with two Community Councillors to discuss further.

Members agreed the following: The Chair of Council Councillor William Glynn and Community and County Councillor Chris Dolphin to attend a site meeting. The Clerk to arrange.

Minute no: 10. 43/20 (page 8) - in relation to a number of street lights sited on Llwyn Ifor Lane – which is the border road between the Whitford and Mostyn Community Councils. The Clerk advised, that he had written to Mostyn Community Council, to advise the following:

During the reorganisation of Parish Councils in Wales in 1974 – when Councils in Wales were re-named Town & Community Councils - thereafter, in the early 1980’s during a Boundary Review – the then Whitford Council was split up which resulted in the creation of Mostyn Community Council.

Under the various Local Government Acts, during any re-organisation of Councils, the ‘Transfer of Rights and Liabilities’ takes place – in particular, ‘sited property’ which shall be vested in the new authority, such as land, buildings, fittings, furniture, equipment, including lamps, lamp posts and other apparatus for public lighting.

The Clerk further advised, that Mostyn Community Council had subsequently discussed the letter in their February meeting and had written, to confirm the following: The four lamps on their side of the border in Llwyn Ifor Lane, will be placed on their asset register and will be changed to LED models in the very near future.

5(A). 52/20

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence had been received, that was required to be either advised to, or dealt with by the Members:

- (1) The Clerk read out a report received from North Wales Police, in relation to reported criminal offences within the Community:

Carmel - 1 x Wounding by assault

Lloc – 1 x Making off without making payment (Euro Garage)

No offences reported in Gorsedd, Pantasaph and Whitford.

- (2) Flintshire County Council – Notification that the Summer Play Scheme has been provided with a grant from the Welsh Assembly – whereby each Town & Community Council will receive £900.00 towards the cost.

Members confirmed the following: The two schemes in Carmel (bilingual) and Whitford, were for a five week period at each location.

- (3) Flintshire County Council – Summer Play Scheme staff recruitment information – forwarded to Members by e-mail.
- (4) Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales – Notification of Draft Annual report for 2019 received on the 13th February.
- (5) Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales – Notification of Final Annual report for 2019 received on the 21st February.
- (6) Planning Aid Wales – Notification of training session to be held in Gwersyllt on 16th March, from 5.30pm to 8.30pm. The information had been sent to Members by e-mail. The Clerk advised that Councillor Joseph Williams was attending.
- (7) One Voice Wales – Invitation to renew membership at a cost of £346.00.

Members agreed the following: Not to renew the membership

- (8) Flintshire Citizens Advice – Annual Report.

5(B). 53/20

CLERK’S REPORT

- (i) The Clerk referred to a pending project in relation to the introduction of yellow lines on Carmel Road, Carmel, at the junction opposite the Village Hall. An amended plan of the proposed area, and in particular, the length of the yellow lines had been received – whereby the proposed new length was reduced to 10 meters.

Members agreed the following: Supported the reduced length of yellow lines for a distance of 10 meters. The Community Council trust that other consultees will also have no objection, whereby the scheme can be brought to fruition – to ensure a safer route to Ysgol Bro Carmel Primary School for the pupils.

- (ii) The Clerk advised in relation to the following payment on the evening’s list of payments: £1,000.44 to BHIB Insurance – for a new Council Insurance Policy that had previously been agreed. The fee included a year cover from 18th March, 2020, at a cost of £829.91, with the remainder of the cost to extend the policy to the 1st June, 2021.

- (iii) The Clerk advised of his attendance at a recent meeting held in Denbigh, of the Society of Local Council Clerks (Clwyd Branch), whereby the Clerk gave a presentation of Councils working together – in relation to the project to change the Council’s street lighting bulbs to energy saving LED’s

(iv) **Street Lighting:** The Clerk advised in relation to the following:

- The demolition of a street lamp in Pantasaph due to a fallen tree. Councillor William Glynn provided further information, including the attendance at the scene by Scottish Power (SP) engineers. The Council will have to await SP to place a waterproof box on the new pole, whereafter, the Council’s street lighting contractor will install a new light.

Members agreed the following: It was not cost effective to make an insurance claim after taking into consideration the excess fee, together with an increased yearly premium.

The Clerk brought to the attention of Members the following from County & Community Councillor Chris Dolphin:

- ❖ Police & Crime Commissioner Elections in May – to be held in Carmel Village Hall – which is the same evening as the Community Council meeting. Councillor Dolphin had confirmed with the County Returning Officer, that the Council meeting could still use the Hall – as the meeting is in a separate part of the building.

5(C). 54/20

STREETSCENE SCHEDULE (FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL)

Members brought the following concerns to the meeting:

- (1) Pot holes – Whitford Road – from the Tre Mostyn area to Trelogan.
- (2) Gullies require cleaning – Near to the Bungalows, Whitford and Tyddyn Ucha to Pen Y Maes.
- (3) A5026 Road – Carmel to Lloc. Pathway only 50% accessible to pedestrians – due to the undergrowth. Area is also full of litter.
- (4) Fachallt Road, Lloc – Overhanging hedges require pruning on both sides of the road - Near Misty Waters entrance.

- (5) Carmel Road / Celyn Lane – large pot hole at least 3 inch deep. Previously reported with photograph by Cllr Chris Dolphin.

The Clerk advised, that the above concerns would be brought to the attention of StreetScene.

6. 55/20

REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS (COMMITTEES, LIAISON & MEETINGS ATTENDED)

- (i) Councillor Robert Hughes provided a report of his attendance along with Councillor William Glynn and the Clerk to the Council - at the County Forum meeting held on the 13th February at County Hall. Matters covered at that meeting related to FCC's budget for 2020-2021, the Local Government (Wales) Bill, which is likely to be enacted in Sept/Oct with little change, the Local Development Plan, the recent Waste Consultation (of which the outcome was to maintain the status quo) and FCC's Welsh Education Strategic Plan.
- (ii) Councillor Chris Dolphin provided a report in relation to Carmel Village Hall. The bookings for the Hall for meetings and other events was increasing. The Hall will be installing a new kitchen, a car park barrier and in August will be applying for grants for funding towards repairs to the flat roof.

7(A). 56/20

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Clerk advised Members in relation to the following planning applications numbered (1) and (2) which are included on the weekly list received from Flintshire County Council Planning Department and also the Flintshire Planning web site. To-date, the actual application for 061015 at Dwynant, Whitford, has not been received by the Clerk. Planning application number 061023 – Land at Pen Y Gelli Fawr, this is a screening option, which seeks from County Planning if the project requires an Environmental Impact Assessment. As this is not a planning application, the observations from the Community Council and others are not requested.

- (1) Application number: 061015 – application for removal of agricultural occupancy restriction, at Dwynant, Whitford.
- (2) Application number: 061023 – screening option for change of use to holiday park, at land at and adjacent to Pen Y Gelli Fawr, Lloc.
- (3) Representation received by e-mail from Mr. Ian Gill (Property Director) Gastronomy Restaurants Ltd & Café Fortune Ltd, which included a plan of the roadway entry / egress to the current services on site from the A5026 Road. The e-mail and report were forwarded to Councillors prior to the meeting. The representation relates to the following planning application:

Application number: 060475 - Erection of drive-thru restaurant unit and drive-thru coffee shop unit (Use Class A3), access, landscaping and associated works, at Land East of McDonald's, Lloc. (Closing date for comment to Flintshire Planning was the 14th February, 2020).

Members agreed the following: Thanked the applicant's agent for providing Council with the report. Members were unable to provide any additional comments, as the closing date for the pending planning application has expired, whereby the application is currently awaiting determination by County Planning.

7(B). 57/20

PLANNING DECISIONS

The following planning decisions have been received from Flintshire County Council:

- (a) Application number: 059801 – for proposed change of use from agricultural land to tourism, for the provision of six luxury lodges together with access track, at Waen Y Lloc, Lloc. Refused.
- (b) Application number: 060817 – for installation of 4 no. new digital freestanding signs and 1 no. 15 inch digital booth screen, at McDonald’s Restaurant, Lloc. Approved

8. 58/20

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Cheque Number	Payee	Net £	Vat £	Total £
	<u>Payments made – to be confirmed:</u>			
	Direct Debit: Scottish Power (January - Street Lighting Electricity Account - payment dated 17/02/2020)	150.95		181.14
	Standing Order: R. P. Parry - Clerk to Council (Monthly salary & home working allowance for February) Payments dated 02/03/2020			
	<u>Payments for consideration at meeting:</u>			
	Standing Order BACS: H. M. Revenue & Customs. Clerk’s PAYE & Clerk & Council NI - January, February & March – 2020)	647.64		647.64
154	BHIB Councils Insurance (Council insurance policy from 18 th March, 2020 to 1 st June, 2021 (14 months and 14 days)	1,000.44		1,000.44
155	Deeco lighting (Faults and repairs & fitting of waterproof box)	185.00	37.00	222.00
156	R. P. Parry (Clerk) Re-imburement of Microsoft 365 annual renewal – Quarter payment shared between other Councils - as per receipt	12.49	2.50	14.99
	One Voice Wales (Membership renewal – 2020 / 2021) (Membership not renewed)			
	BACS payment: Planning Aid Wales (Delegate training fee for Cllr J. Williams) Payment dated 06/03/2020	35.00		35.00
	Note: The training course was cancelled, the fee has been refunded to the Council’s bank account			

9. 59/20

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Cheque Number	Name of organisation	Amount granted £
157	Five Villages Chronicle (Application for annual grant) (Section 137 LGA 1972) NOTE: Councillor Chris Dolphin Declared an Interest in the above application – as a member of the Five Villages Chronicle Committee) (Minute number: 2. 49/20 on page 1 above)	1,000.00
158	Llangollen Eisteddfod (Application for annual grant) (Section 145 LGA 1972)	100.00

10. 60/20

Members agreed the payments of the above accounts and financial support as listed.

There being no further business, the Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.

SIGNED BY CHAIR OF COUNCIL:.....

DATE OF APPROVAL:.....